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16 September 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Technical Services Staff

SUBJECT : Request for Research and Development in the
Field of Balloon Technology1. Description of the Project

The requested research and development will culminate in a report of wind trajectories favorable for free balloon operation in Eastern Siberia and an evaluation of the comparative abilities of free balloons and powered balloons to bring under surveillance representative targets within this area.

2. Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is two-fold. One, it makes available meteorological information that would be necessary to plan a free balloon intelligence gathering mission in a target area. Two, it will provide statistical information for the determination of the increased possibility of accomplishing a specific mission if a powered balloon is used and thus present at least a limited evaluation of the usefulness of such a vehicle.

3. Recommended Contractor

The recommended contractor for this work is

This contractor has well qualified meteorologists

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4. Support Requirements

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5. Total Estimated Cost

The estimated cost for this work is \$10,296.00. The time involved is ten weeks with two weeks for report writing included. Charges are to be made against Allotment Number 9-2502-15-901.

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6. Security Information

Only one of the [] scientists is cleared to know Agency sponsorship; [] The unassembled information will be unclassified. The completed report will be classified Top Secret.

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7. Project Engineer

The project engineer for this work is [] Room 210, West Outbuilding, extension []

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